



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Public Benefits Program – Lodi Small Business Better Lighting Project (\$50,000)

MEETING DATE: December 20, 2000

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve a new Public Benefits Program known as the Lodi Small Business Better Lighting Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In order to provide the Lodi small business community with a unique and targeted energy efficiency improvement program, the City of Lodi Electric Utility has created the Lodi Small Business Better Lighting Project. In this new program, small business owners/managers will receive a 25% rebate from the Public Benefits fund if they install highly efficient lighting products and related materials, including:

- compact fluorescent lamps;
- T-8 fluorescent lamps;
- electronic ballast;
- motion sensors, photo cells & time clocks;


The total proposed budget for the Lodi Small Business Better Lighting Project is \$50,000. There are approximately 2,000 commercial customers in Lodi identified as small businesses (they are currently on a G-1, G-11, G-11+, G-13, or G-13+ electric utility rate), and thus would be eligible to participate in this rebate program. With the assistance of Planergy International (formerly Energy Masters International- EMI), the city's chosen energy services partner, the City of Lodi Electric Utility will review and approve all customer developed and proposed lighting retrofits (included will be pre- and post-inspections of the customer's facility). The 25% rebate is applied to the entire cost of the customer's lighting retrofit project, which would include materials and labor. The percentage amount of the rebate is consistent with all other commercial & industrial Public Benefit grants awarded to date.

Due to the fact that lighting is static (a customer generally turns the lights on at their facility/shop and leaves the lights on during their entire business hours, five to seven days per week), one of the most significant energy conservation measures a customer may invest in, is lighting. By removing an inefficient lighting system, and replacing it with some or all of the products identified above, the average small business owner can reduce their monthly electric utility costs in excess of 15 percent.

FUNDING: Public Benefits Program Fund – 164605 (Category: Demand-side Management Services)

Funding Approval:


Vicky McAthie, Finance Director


Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Programs
ANV/RL/1st

APPROVED:


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC BENEFITS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO FUND THE LODI SMALL BUSINESS BETTER
LIGHTING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, this project will assist small business owners/managers by receiving a 25% rebate from the Public Benefits fund if they install highly efficient lighting products and related materials, including:

- Compact fluorescent lamps;
- T-8 fluorescent lamps;
- Electronic ballast;
- Motion sensors, photo cells & time clocks.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,000 commercial customers in Lodi identified as small business, and thus would be eligible to participate in this rebate program. With the assistance of Planergy International (formerly Energy Masters International-EMI), the City's chosen energy services partner, the City of Lodi Electric Utility will review and approve all customer developed and proposed lighting retrofits; and

WHEREAS, the 25% rebate is applied to the entire cost of the customer's lighting retrofit project, which would include materials and labor. The percentage amount of the rebate is consistent with all other commercial and industrial Public Benefit grants awarded to date; and

WHEREAS, by removing an inefficient lighting system, and replacing it with some or all of the products identified above, the average small business owner can reduce their monthly electric utility costs in excess of 15 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to fund the Lodi Small Business Better Lighting Project.

Dated: December 20, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-231 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held December 20, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor
Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk